GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1311
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2002
MEMORANDUM RECEIVED FROM ALL INDIA LOCAL BODIES WORKMEN S FEDERATION
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum from the All India Local Bodies Workmen`s Federation;

(b) if so, the details of the demands raised therein; and

(c) the action taken on those demands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The following demands have been raised by All India Local Bodies Workmen`s Federation in their memorandum:-

1. Stop privatization of local bodies, contractorisation and casualisation of jobs.

2. Decentralization of power and Central and State Government to allocate from their budget adequate funds to make local bodies financially viable.

3. State Government also to allocate adequate funds to local bodies for the efficient discharge of their functioning and to ensure proper and full utilization of funds allocated to them.

4. Remove ban on recruitment and creation of posts.

5. Regularise the services of daily waged workers.

6. To stop immediately despicable and degrading hereditary occupation of human scavenging.

7. Parity in wages and other services conditions of local body workmen with State Government employees including parity in pension and other terminal benefits.

8. Maternity benefit be given to all women employees in accordance with the Supreme Court decision in SLP No. 12797 of 1998 decided on 8.3.2000.

9. Amount of provident fund deducted from the salaries of workmen be deposited immediately to concerned office.

10. State Government should pay grants to local bodies where octroi is lifted.

11. Stop curtailment of pension facilities.

12. Bonus to all without any restriction.

13. Stop anti-worker amendments to Labour Acts.

(c): As the demands raised by the Federation fall within the purview of the State Government, necessary action is required to be taken by the State Governments.